



State of Washington

## DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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### DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

**Name of Proposal:** DNS 14-088: BEEBE SPRINGS NATURAL AREA TRAIL

#### Description of Proposal:

The purpose of the project would be to develop a pedestrian path that would extend the current trail system in the Beebe Springs Natural Area to the south under the Beebe Bridge (U.S. 97). This pedestrian path extension would provide education and recreation users with a better viewpoint of Lake Entiat (Columbia River) and provide a future opportunity for connections with regional trail systems.

The proposed pedestrian path would extend south from an existing trail, along the WSDOT embankment, and underneath the Beebe Bridge. It would be approximately 500 feet in length, of which approximately 400 feet would parallel the OHWM of Lake Entiat adjacent to the WSDOT embankment. The pedestrian path design was located near the lake level to minimize work needed on the WSDOT fill slope; however, the pedestrian path was located at an elevation of 714.5 feet to provide protection from the 25-year return flow of the Columbia River.

A geotechnical investigation and analyses were completed for the design of the pedestrian path. Also, a topographic and bathymetric survey was completed for the design by WDFW in October 2013. The survey confirmed the OHWM and ground surface for design and cost estimates. A crushed rock pedestrian path placed over larger angular rock is proposed for slope stability, erosion control, ADA access, and shoreline preservation. Construction of a 2:1 slope new rock fill foundation, a crushed rock ramp, and an edge rock curbing would follow the edge of the fill slope above the existing grade along the OHWM of Lake Entiat.

The main construction and maintenance access would be located at an existing driveway from U.S. 97 near the intersection with SR 150. A small parking area for trail maintenance purposes was included in a prior permit submittal for the Phase 5 Fishing Pond. Depending on the contractor's means and methods, some access for construction could require access via a barge from Lake Entiat; another option includes the use of track mounted excavators for placing the pedestrian path foundation rock. Access to the pedestrian path for the general public once the project is completed would be provided via walking trails from the main visitor's parking area. The pedestrian path would be ADA accessible which requires a shallow slope, minimum width, wider turnouts, and vertical clearance. The edge rock railing would provide protection to the public against falls along the edge of the pedestrian path.

**Proponent/Applicant:** Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)  
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**Location of Proposal, including street, if any:** Beebe Springs Wildlife Area, along US 97, near Chelan, Chelan County, Washington: Township 27N, Range 23E, Section 20.

**Lead Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law<sup>1</sup> does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.<sup>2</sup> We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on December 31, 2014.**

**Method of Comment:** The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to [SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov)
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

**Responsible Official:** Lisa Wood

**Position/Title:** SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.<sup>1</sup>

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

**DATE OF ISSUE:** December 17, 2014

**SIGNATURE:**



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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